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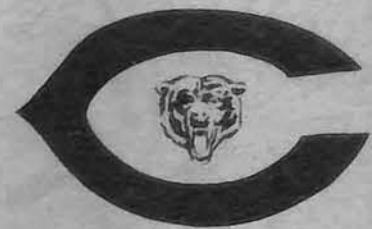
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Commentary



By
Doug
Buffone



Bears Will Destroy Dolphins

Unless the Bears decide to leave about 20 players at home next week, I don't see any way they will even have a tough time with the Miami Dolphins on *Monday Night Football*.

I realize the Dolphins are the defending AFC Champs and have one of the best passing attacks in the league, but they can be beaten and the Bears will beat them badly.

THERE ARE TWO major reasons why the Dolphins will have a tough time against the Bears. The first is the Bears' defense. The way this unit is playing, no opposing quarterback is safe unless he is sitting on the bench. If Dan Marino thinks he had a rough time vs. the 49ers in the Super Bowl last January, he hasn't seen anything yet. Buddy Ryan must be drooling as he plans his attack vs. Marino.

On offense, it really doesn't matter who plays quarterback for the Bears because Miami's defense is pure garbage. It was awful last year but somehow the Dolphins found a way to overcome the problems. The unit is worse this year. I wouldn't be surprised if Walter Payton rushed for over 200 yards. East St. Louis High School would be able to run the ball at will vs. the Dolphins.

The Bears are playing so well right now I find it hard to believe anyone can beat them unless they play like total fools. Their defense is so awesome it has John Madden falling out of the broadcast booth. And Steve Fuller has gotten into a groove on offense. Most people have

forgotten that Jim McMahon has been sidelined with a shoulder injury for three weeks.

IT GOES WITHOUT question the Bears' running game is unstoppable. Walter Payton continues to shatter records and fullbacks Matt Suhey and Calvin Thomas continue to shock opposing defenses. Dennis Gentry and Thomas Sanders are also playing well. This may be the best group of running backs on one team in the past 20 years.

One of the amazing things about the Bears is they never know when to quit. It doesn't matter if they are playing the Cowboys or Wright Junior College. They prepare for every game like it is the Super Bowl. They don't know what the word letdown means. The intensity level stays at full force for the entire 60 minutes every week. That is why the Bears are so dominant in the second half. If the Bears have a commanding lead at the half, the opposing club might as well catch an early plane out of town.

I'm glad the Bears will get another chance to show the entire nation what type of team they have. They have been getting a lot of exposure of late and they love every minute of it. On *Monday Night Football*, they get to show fans all over the country how the game is played plus the members of 26 other NFL teams. I know the Bears will put on quite a show vs. the Dolphins.

Doug Buffone's selections for the 13th week of the regular season can be found on page 10 of this issue.



RUNNING BACK WALTER Payton (34) watches William Perry (right) dive for a second quarter touchdown. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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Payton Ties Another NFL Record

Bear Defense Continues To Maul Foes

By Mark Friedlander
Editor

Maybe NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle should issue a mandate stating the Bears must take the final four weeks of the regular season off so the upcoming opponents on their schedule won't be embarrassed like the last two have.

There was little doubt among football followers the Bears would have much trouble with the visiting Atlanta Falcons last Sunday. But it is still amazing they recorded their second consecutive shutout with the 36-0 victory before 61,769 shivering fans at Soldier Field.

COUPLED WITH THEIR 44-0 whitewash with the Cowboys two weeks ago, the Bears have outscored opponents 80-0 in the last eight quarters. They have allowed only three points in the last 13 quarters and it has been 14 quarters since an opponent has even scored a touchdown. No wonder the Bears are 12-0.

"The guys on this team haven't been a dominator in the league before. We like the feeling," said DT Steve McMichael.

"I said to some of the players on the sidelines, 'What would we do if we had to play against our defense?' I don't know," said QB Steve Fuller who started his third consecutive game in place of injured regular Jim McMahon (out with shoulder injury). "We've played against some very good offenses in recent weeks and our defense completely shuts them down. They can't beat you when that happens."

"THE WAY OUR DEFENSE is playing, it seems nothing is too hard and they're taking everything away from the other team. Defensively you can't do any better than shut them out," said head coach Mike Ditka.

Yet, hard as it may seem, there are still quite a few players on the Bears' defense who think they can get better. Are you listening Dan Marino?

"There's always room to get better," said LB Mike Singletary. "Today the running back (Gerald Riggs) got over 100 yards (110 on 30 carries). I didn't know he got over 100 yards. That's a little bit frustrating."

"WE HAVE TO GET better to win the Super Bowl," said CB Leslie Frazier. "If you become complacent with an undefeated regular season and then lose the Super Bowl, people will forget that you won all those games."

"If we start getting complacent, there will be problems," adds DL Dan Hampton. "As long as we keep a hungry attitude, then we'll be okay."

The way the Bears' defense is playing, they must be starving. For the third consecutive game, they held an opponent to under 172 yards as the Falcons compiled just 119. Besides Riggs, the Falcon offense was a joke. Atlanta had minus 22 yards in the net passing category as



FULLBACK CALVIN THOMAS (33) bulls his way for some crucial yardage. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

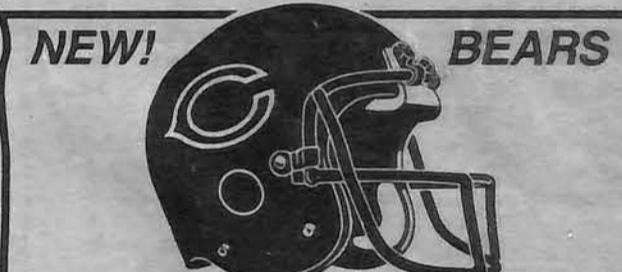
the Bears recorded five sacks including one for a safety. The Bear D also intercepted two passes.

NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN in this win was another outstanding performance by RB Walter Payton. He rushed for 102 yards on 20 carries, including a classic 40-yard touchdown run down the Bears' sideline. He tied an NFL record by compiling his seventh consecutive 100-yard game. That record is shared by O.J. Simpson and Earl Campbell and Payton has a chance to break it next Mon-

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BEAR DEFENDERS STEVE McMichael (left), Otis Wilson (55) and Mike Singletary gang up on Atlanta running back Gerald Riggs. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



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Bears-Falcons Official Statistics

SCORING SUMMARY

Atlanta Falcons.....	0	0	0	0	-	0
Chicago Bears.....	0	20	7	9	-	36
2: Bears — Butler, 35-yard field goal (12-51)						
2: Bears — Butler, 32-yard field goal (10-41)						
2: Bears — Payton, 40-yard run (Butler, kick) (1-70)						
2: Bears — Perry, one-yard run (Butler, kick) (3-71)						
3: Bears — Thomas, 2-yard run (Butler, kick) (1-2)						
4: Bears — Waechter, Tackled Holly in end zone -9						
4: Bears — Sanders, 1-yard run (Butler, kick) (11-59)						

Weather: Cloudy, humidity 42 percent, temperature 22 degrees, wind north at 6 mph.

Attendance 61,769 (tickets distributed 65,790 unused 4,021); time 3:15

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	Falcons	Bears
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	10	24
By Rushing	9	15
By Passing	0	8
By Penalty	1	1
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	3-15	6-15
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	1-3	2-3
TOTAL NET YARDS	119	379
Total Off. Plays (Inc. times passing)	59	68
Av. Gain per Off. Play	2.0	5.6
NET YARDS RUSHING	141	184
Total Rushing Plays	37	42
Av. Gain Per Rush. Play	3.8	4.4
NET YARDS PASSING	-22	195
Times Thrown —		
Yds. Lost Att. To Pass	5-38	1-1
Gross Yds. Passing	16	196
PASS ATT. — COMP. —		
HAD INTERCEPTED	17-3-2	25-13-0
Av. Gain Per Pass Play (Inc. times thrown passing)	-1.0	7.5
PUNTS — NO. AND AV.	7-38.4	4-37.5
Had Blocked	0	0
TOTAL RET. YARDAGE	105	112
No. and Yds. Punt Ret.	0-0	4-18
No. and Yds. KO Returns	6-105	2-40
No. and Yds. Interc. Ret.	0-0	2-54
PENALTIES — NO. AND YDS.	9-82	5-45
FUMBLES — NO. AND LOST	1-1	1-1
TOUCHDOWNS	0	4
Rushing	0	4
Passing	0	0
Safety	0	1
Returns	0	0
EXTRA POINTS MADE — ATT.	0-0	4-4
FG MADE — ATT.	0-0	2-2
TIME OF POSSESSION	27:08	32:52

FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Atlanta Falcons

	Att.	Net	Long
RUSHING			
Riggs	30	110	3.7
Archer	3	19	3.7
J. Washington	3	12	4.0
Austin	1	0	0.0
PASSING			
Archer	15	2	10
Holly	2	1	6
PASS RECEIVING			
Riggs		1	1
Cox		2	15

INTERCEPTIONS

None

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG
Giacomarro	7	269	38.4	44

PUNT RETURNS

	No.
*Downs	1
*Out of bounds	1
*Touchbacks	2

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	LG
Austin	3	64	23
Wagner	1	16	16
Whisenhunt	1	14	14
Matthews	1	11	11

FUMBLIES

	Fum.	Opp Rec.
Whisenhunt	0	1
Holly	1	0

CHICAGO BEARS

	Att.	Net	Long	TD
RUSHING				
Payton	20	102	5.1	40
Suhey	2	4	2.0	4
Thomas	6	26	4.3	17
Fuller	2	11	5.5	9
Perry	1	1	1.0	1
Gentry	5	18	3.6	21
Tomczak	1	3	3.0	3
Sanders	5	19	3.8	10
PASSING				
Fuller	20	10	51	1-1
Tomczak	5	3	45	0-0

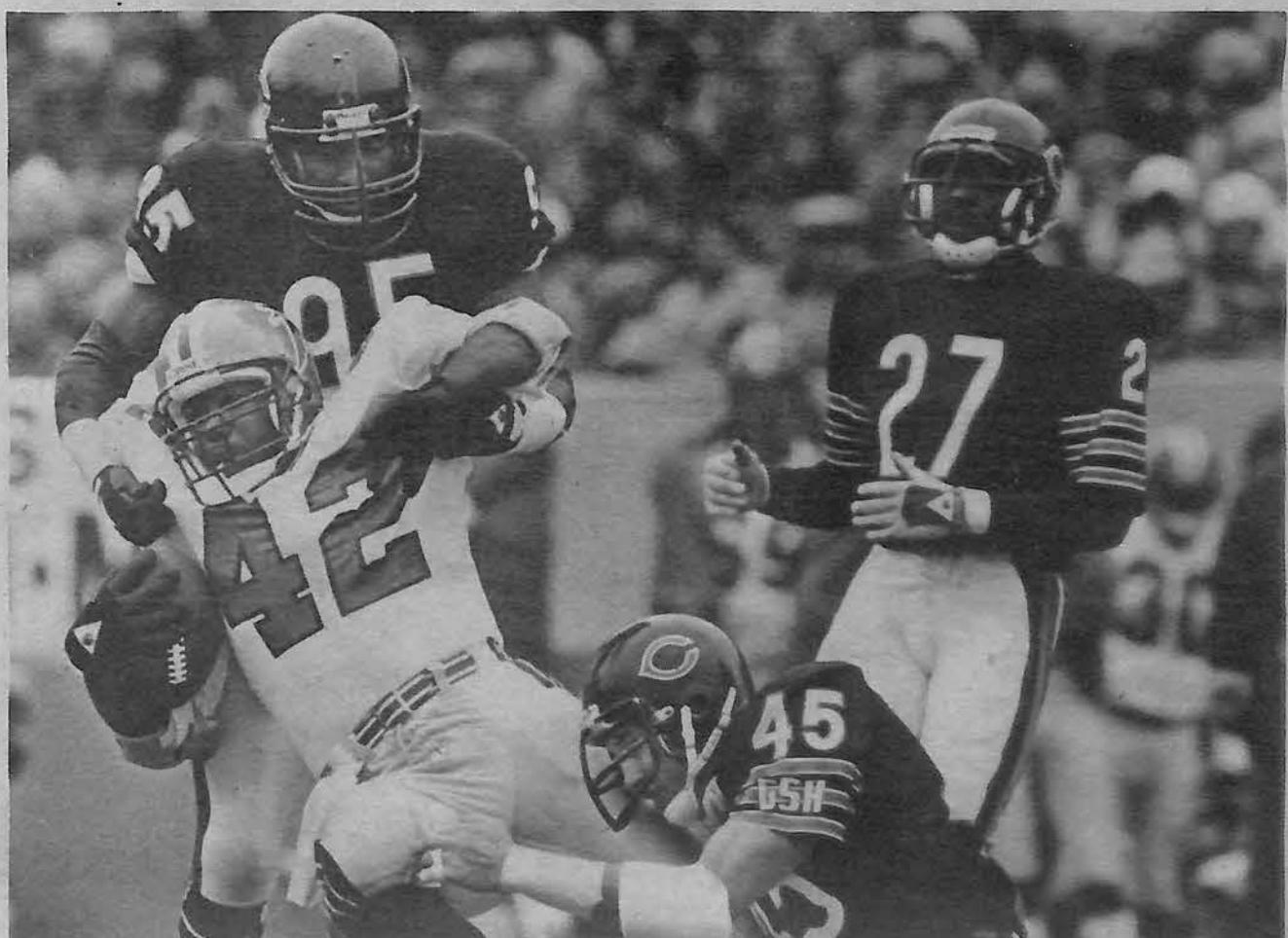
	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Tkd.	Yds.	LG
Fuller	20	10	51	1-1	50	
Tomczak	5	3	45	0-0	24	



RUNNING BACK WALTER Payton has compiled seven consecutive 100-yard rushing games to tie an NFL record. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

	No.	Yds.	LG
Moorehead	2	39	21
McKinnon	1	6	6
Payton	3	20	8
Wrightman	3	40	24
Gault	2	70	50
Sanders	1	9	9
Gentry	1	12	12

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RICHARD DENT (95) and Gary Fencik stop Atlanta running back Gerald Riggs. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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Success Begins With Scouting

The National Football League should have an award for Most Valuable Scouts. If the Bears are going to send half their team to the Pro Bowl, which they should, what does that make personnel director Bill Tobin and scouts Jim Parmer, Don King, and Rod Graves?

This is a league that honors executive of the year, coach of the year, player of the year, comeback player of the year, rookie of the year, offensive player of the year, defensive player of the year, special teams player of the year, kicker of the year, blocker of the year.

TWO AREAS ARE overlooked — assistant coaches and scouts.

Nobody in pro football works harder for less credit than assistant coaches and scouts. Shouldn't Ed Hughes, Buddy Ryan, Dick Stanfel, Johnny Roland, Ted Plumb, Dale Haupt, Jim LaRue, Steve Kazor, and Jim Dooley get to go to Hawaii, too? They went last year but had to work, as usual. This year, they should get to relax.

The scouts find the players and the coaches develop them. Some require less scouting and developing than others. But there can be no question that the Bears have done an excellent job of both in the 1980s.

THEIR SUCCESS IN 1985 is not a one-year phenomenon. They start nine No. 1 draft choices, more than anyone else in the league. They are Walter Payton, Steve Fuller or Jim McMahon, Jim Covert, Willie Gault, and Keith Van Horne on offense, and Dan Hampton, William Perry, Otis Wilson, and Wilber Marshall on defense.

There is not a No. 1 draft choice on the squad who is not starting, except for the backup quarterback. The Bears' No. 1's from 1975, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, and 1985 are on the field and producing. No other team can boast of such a record.

At midseason, the Cincinnati Bengals had 11 No. 1 draft choices on their roster, but only eight were starting. The Green Bay Packers and New England Patriots each had 10 No. 1 choices but only seven started. The Minnesota Vikings had nine No. 1's and eight started.

PRODUCTIVE NO. 1 choices are not the only key to success, of course. But they are a good place to start when you're looking for keys. Detroit rookie coach Darryl Rogers never had played the Bears before he put his finger on their obvious secret.

"They have a quarterback who has matured," said Rogers. "They have the best running back in the NFL. They have two No. 1 draft choices at their offensive tack-

les. That's five No. 1 draft choices that are producing."

"Then if they don't move the ball, they turn loose more No. 1 draft choices on defense."

AND NO. 2'S. Middle linebacker Mike Singletary was a No. 2 draft choice, but hardly a lucky one. The Bears were so sure they wanted Singletary, they traded up to get him.

Fullback Matt Suhey is a No. 2 who was no surprise. Former Eagles' coach Dick Vermeil lamented missing out on Suhey on the day of the draft.

The Bears have been so confident in their scouting that other teams are bound to treat them like E.F. Hutton. They have brought new meaning to the cliche "best athlete



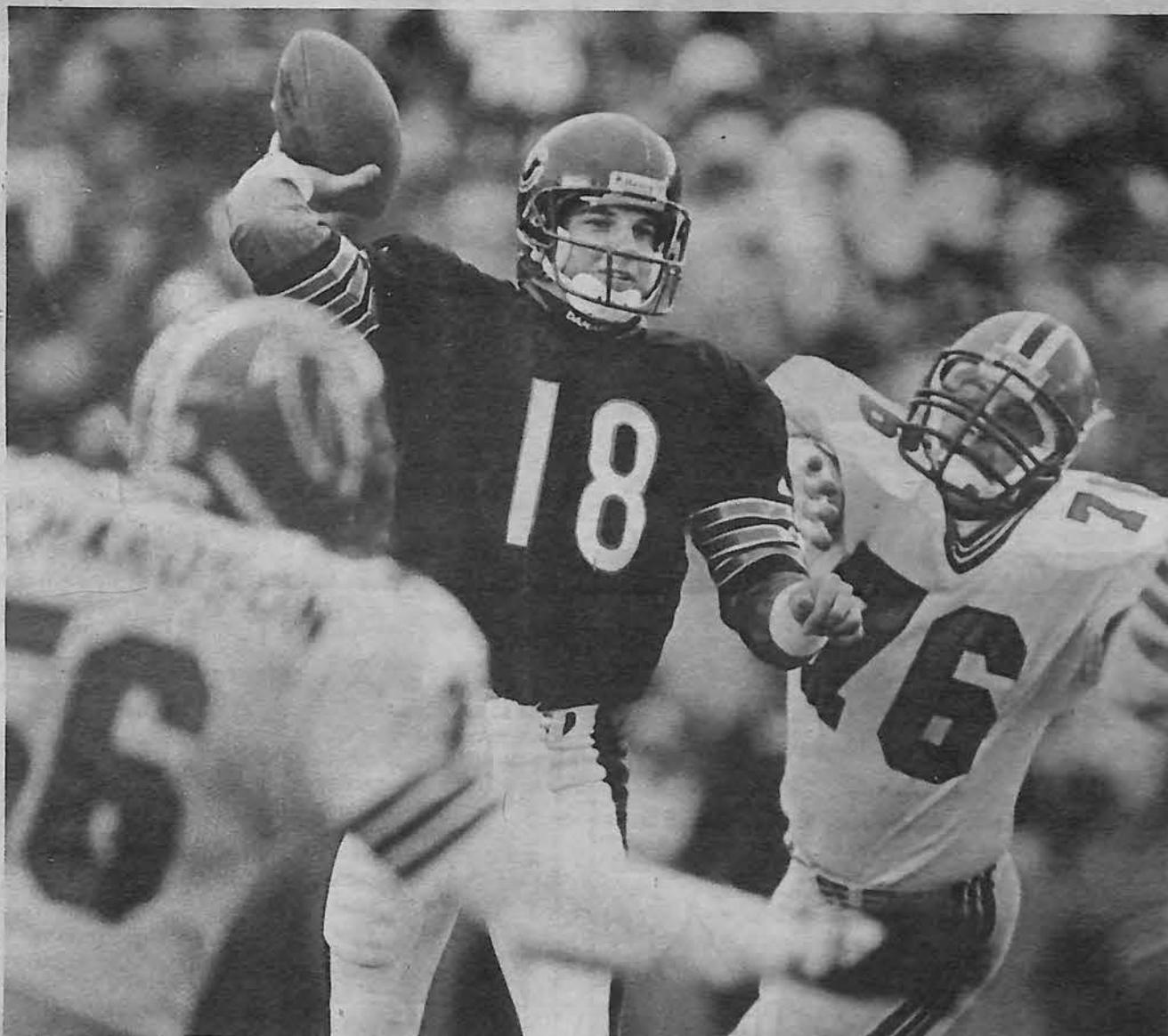
By
Don
Pierson

available."

IN 1982, WHEN they didn't see anyone they liked in the second round, they traded their pick to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for a No. 1 in 1983. The Bucs chose a defensive end named Booker Reese, whom they soon traded. The Bears waited until 1983 and drafted Gault.

In 1985, they were not looking for a placekicker on the fourth round of the draft. But when Georgia's Kevin Butler was on the board, the Bears had him rated so much higher than anyone else at any other position that they couldn't ignore their own advice. Butler soon proved them right.

Other teams scoffed when the Bears made Perry their *Continued Next Page*



QUARTERBACK MIKE TOMCZAK played most of the fourth quarter vs. the Falcons. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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Scouting

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top pick in 1985. Others said he was a second-round at best. It turned out the Bears got a two-way player, more than they had bargained for. And he weighed less than anyone else expected, too.

IN THE LAST two second rounds, the Bears have drafted linebacker Ron Rivera and cornerback Reggie Phillips. The jury remains out on both, but the Bears remain confident that they will pan out.

Tobin and head coach Mike Ditka were so convinced that Perry was a player that they won over general manager Jerry Vainisi and president Michael McCaskey.

Tobin and Ditka didn't know each other at all when Ditka was hired in 1982. Tobin had been with the Bears since 1975. They soon found out they liked the same type of players, because they were the same type of players themselves — tough, aggressive, no-nonsense.

"WE BELIEVE SO much alike it's a little bit scary," said Tobin. "You're either a striker or a catcher in football. We

look for strikers."

The top rounds are not the only place to make hay. It was Tobin who discovered Richard Dent in the eighth round and was not afraid to label him "the best pass rusher I graded all year." Tobin said that before Dent became one of the best pass rushers in the NFL, not after.

When Steve McMichael was cut by the New England Patriots, Tobin immediately lobbied with former general manager Jim Finks and coach Neill Armstrong to pick him up. The Bears were not looking for defensive linemen at the time, so Tobin tried to convince them he might make a good center.

"**HIS INTENSITY WAS** what you had to like," said Tobin. "Don't ask me why New England cut him."

McMichael soon proved he could play defensive tackle and Ditka made sure he was on the field. Now McMichael should be on his way to the Pro Bowl. Tobin and his staff shouldn't be far behind.

"Bill Tobin and his department deserve tremendous credit," said Ditka. "They've taken some criticism. They might as well get the credit. What Bill Tobin and Jim Finks drafted was outstanding."



LINEBACKERS OTIS WILSON (55) and Mike Singletary celebrate a big play vs. the Falcons. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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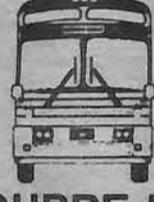
Next week's issue of the **BEAR REPORT** will feature extensive coverage of the upcoming Bears-Dolphins Monday Night Football game. It will also include a detailed preview of the upcoming home game vs. the Indianapolis Colts. The issue will go to press on Tuesday, Dec. 3 due to the Monday night game. Please allow an extra day for mail delivery.

League Rankings

After 11 weeks of regular season play, the Bears' defense ranked second in the NFL. It ranked first against the rush and 13th vs. the pass. The unit also led the league in least points allowed with 127. On offense, the Bears ranked fourth in the NFL. The unit ranked first rushing and 17th passing. The offense also led the NFL in points scored (323) and average possession time (34:02). The Bears also led the NFL in turnover ratio with a net differential of plus 18.

In individual categories, placekicker Kevin Butler leads the NFL in scoring with 97 points (20 field goals, 37 extra points). Willie Gault leads the NFL in kickoff return average with a 29.5 mark. Quarterback Jim McMahon ranked second in the NFC with a 89.7 mark.

Running back Walter Payton ranked second in the NFC in rushing with 1,083 yards. Punter Maury Buford was tied for third with a 43.3 mark. DE Richard Dent ranked sixth in sacks with nine. Ken Taylor ranked sixth in punt returns with a 8.3 mark.



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Depth Is Never-Ending For Bears

As the 12-0 Bears await the Miami Dolphins on Monday night, it is becoming more apparent every week balance is the key to this year's success.

Last Sunday in the 36-0 rout of the Atlanta Falcons, one hardly noticed Jim McMahon was missing and Steve Fuller was calling the shots. One hardly noticed Calvin Thomas, not Matt Suhey, was Walter Payton's running mate in the backfield. And one hardly noticed Stefan Humphries was subbing for Mark Bortz. Thomas scored in a short yardage situation as the Bears never missed a beat to extend their unbeaten record and keep in sight that perfect 19-0 season. If it happens, it'll be because the players fit the system so perfectly injuries and defenses no longer bother them.

THE DEFENSE HAS now played nine consecutive



By
Dick
Gonski

quarters without surrendering a single point. The win locked up the first home field playoff game for the Bears since 1963 when they whipped the New York Giants at Wrigley Field to capture the NFL title.

The back-to-back shutouts of 44-0 at Dallas and 36-0 vs. the Falcons are the first back-to-back shutouts by a Bear defensive team since 1942 when the old Monsters won 42-0 at Detroit and 47-0 over Cleveland in Chicago.

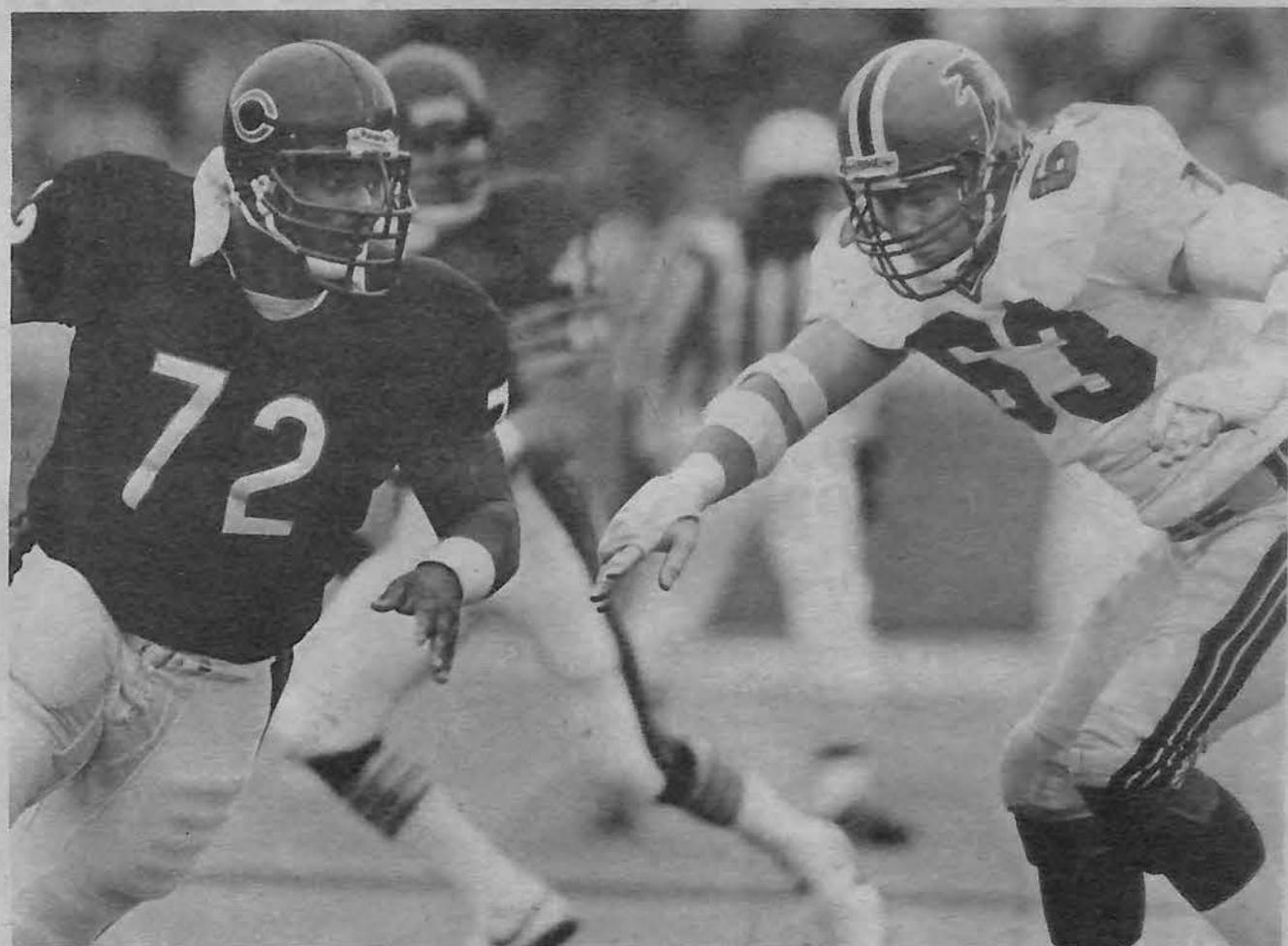
The Bears' defense will get a stiff test at Miami according to Dan Hampton.

"I THINK THEY have the best offense in football. They've got a quarterback in Dan Marino who can get hot against a blitzing defense and he's got great wideouts to throw to," said Hampton.

Otis Wilson summed up the approach to the game with the Dolphins.



QUARTERBACK STEVE FULLER has led the Bears to three consecutive victories as a starter. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



DEFENSIVE TACKLE WILLIAM Perry (72) tries to elude Atlanta guard Jeff Kiewel. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

"As long as our corners hold up in our blitzing defense, we're going to be tough to beat," he said. Hampton added, "As long as we control what we do, we don't worry about what they do."

THE LAST TIME the Bears visited Miami, they got scalped in the heat of the Orange Bowl, 31-16, on September 23, 1979. But this is a different Bear team. They are the team challenging the Dolphins' mark as the last NFL team to go undefeated and win a Super Bowl. If you think the Bears aren't confident, consider the fact Wilson ran onto the field against Atlanta WITHOUT his helmet on! That's confidence.

But it's the interchanging of personnel which amazes those of us who cover this team. They substitute without suffering. Against Atlanta, Andy Frederick took out not one, not two, but three Falcons with one block. Fuller was so efficient out there he was hardly noticed until the second quarter. Things are running so smoothly that in the last two weeks, the game was over early in the second half.

One reason the subs are playing so well may be they want to stay on a winner, a team with a great future. When a team goes 12-0, the coach isn't likely to change players often if at all. The subs know when their chance arrives, they better take full advantage of it. That's why guys like Fuller, Thomas, Humphries and Frederick are playing so well.

ONE WOULD THINK filling in on an unbeaten team would put pressure on the substitute. With the Bears it works the other way. This team has the quality athletes it takes to step in and not skip a beat. Losing Al Harris and Todd Bell could have devastated this defensive unit. But Dave Duerson and Wilber Marshall have more than replaced the veteran starters and actually out-performed Harris and Bell's projected contribution.

Duerson said last Sunday it'll be difficult to give up his starting role next year if Bell returns. Matter of fact he feels he wouldn't want to go back to the bench. Marshall was drafted as a great athlete out of Florida and, like Wilson before him, spent a year on the sidelines watching how Buddy Ryan's defense works. He learned fast. Wilson is a sure Pro Bowl starter this year. Can Marshall be far behind?

Another case can be made for tight end Tim Wrightman. Subbing for Emery Moorehead, the ex-USFL player has frequently come up with catches and subsequent runs that remind many of a young Mike Ditka. Wrightman is a bull who takes on a tackler and punishes him before he can be punished. Against Atlanta, Wrightman had three catches for 40 yards. Only Willie Gault had more yards (70) and only Walter Payton matched his catch total.

THE BEARS ARE 12-0 after losing their starting quarterback for three weeks and losing two starters off their

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Chicago Bears' Numerical Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
4	Steve Fuller	QB	6-4	195	28	7	Clemson
6	Kevin Butler	K	6-1	204	23	R	Georgia
8	Maury Buford	P	6-0	191	25	4	Texas Tech
9	Jim McMahon	QB	6-1	190	25	4	BYU
18	Mike Tomczak	QB	6-1	195	22	R	Ohio St.
21	Leslie Frazier	CB	6-0	187	26	5	Alcorn St.
22	Dave Duerson	S	6-1	203	24	3	Notre Dame
23	Shaun Gayle	CB	5-11	193	23	2	Ohio St.
26	Matt Suhey	FB	5-11	216	27	6	Penn St.
27	Mike Richardson	CB	6-0	188	24	3	Arizona St.
29	Dennis Gentry	RB	5-8	181	26	4	Baylor
31	Thomas Sanders	RB	5-11	203	23	R	Texas A&M
31	Ken Taylor	CB	6-1	185	21	R	Oregon St.
33	Calvin Thomas	FB	5-11	245	25	4	Illinois
34	Walter Payton	RB	5-10	202	31	11	Jackson St.
45	Gary Fencik	S	6-1	196	31	10	Yale
48	Reggie Phillips	DB	5-10	170	24	R	S. Methodist
50	Mike Singletary	LB	6-0	228	26	5	Baylor
51	Jim Morrissey	LB	6-3	215	22	R	Michigan St.
52	Cliff Thrift	LB	6-1	230	29	7	E.C. Oklahoma
55	Otis Wilson	LB	6-2	232	27	6	Louisville
57	Tom Thayer	G-C	6-4	261	23	R	Notre Dame
58	Wilber Marshall	LB	6-1	225	23	2	Florida
59	Ron Rivera	LB	6-3	239	23	2	California
60	Tom Andrews	OL	6-4	267	24	2	Louisville
62	Mark Bortz	G	6-6	269	24	3	Iowa
63	Jay Hilgenberg	C	6-3	258	26	5	Iowa
70	Henry Waecker	DT	6-5	275	26	4	Nebraska
71	Andy Frederick	T	6-6	265	31	9	New Mexico
72	William Perry	DT	6-2	325	22	R	Clemson
73	Mike Hartenstine	DE	6-3	254	32	11	Pennsylvania St.
74	Jim Covert	T	6-4	271	25	3	Pittsburgh
75	Stefan Humphries	G	6-3	263	23	2	Michigan
76	Steve McMichael	DT	6-2	260	27	6	Texas
78	Keith Van Horne	T	6-6	280	27	5	USC
80	Tim Wrightman	TE	6-3	237	25	R	UCLA
82	Ken Margerum	WR	6-0	180	26	4	Stanford
83	Willie Gault	WR	6-0	178	24	3	Tennessee
85	Dennis McKinnon	WR	6-1	185	23	3	Florida St.
86	Brad Anderson	WR	6-2	198	24	2	Arizona
87	Emery Moorehead	TE	6-2	220	31	9	Colorado
89	Keith Ongaro	WR	6-0	180	22	R	McNeese St.
95	Richard Dent	DE	6-5	263	24	3	Tennessee St.
98	Tyrone Keys	DE	6-7	267	25	3	Mississippi St.
99	Dan Hampton	DT	6-5	267	27	7	Arkansas

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Mike Ditka

ASSISTANTS: Jim Dooley, Dale Haupt, Ed Hughes, Steve Kazor, Jim LaRue, Ted Plumb, Johnny Roland, Buddy Ryan, Dick Stanfel.



HEAD COACH DON SHULA

Special to the BEAR REPORT

ORCHARD PARK, NY — There's an old saying that you can't take a fish out of water and that also applies to the Miami Dolphins who are known for having problems playing in cold weather.

But a game-time temperature of 34 degrees and a nasty wind off of Lake Erie didn't seem to bother the Dolphins last Sunday as they recorded a 23-14 victory over the lowly Buffalo Bills. It was a crucial win for the Dolphins because it keeps them just one game behind the N.Y. Jets in the tough AFC Central race. Both the Dolphins and the Patriots have 8-4 records while the Jets are still on top at 9-3.

ONE OF THE MOST amazing aspects of Miami's latest victory, its third straight, was the way the offense operated. As usual, QB Dan Marino had a fine game (22 of 31 for 233 yards and two touchdowns) but the Dolphins also sported a powerful rushing attack. They amassed 172 yards on the ground led by Tony Nathan's 77. Fullback Woody Bennett compiled 59 rushing yards.

"We got our running game going today. We always felt we could run the ball," said Miami head coach Don Shula.

"We were so content with Marino's passing last year that we didn't work hard enough on the running game.

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Miami Dolphins' Numerical Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
4	Reggie Roby	P	6-2	243	24	3	Iowa
7	Fuad Reveiz	PK	5-11	222	22	R	Tennessee
10	Don Strock	QB	6-5	220	34	12	Virginia Tech
11	Jim Jensen	WR	6-4	215	27	5	Boston Univ.
13	Dan Marino	QB	6-4	214	24	3	Pittsburgh
22	Tony Nathan	RB	6-0	206	28	7	Alabama
23	Joe Carter	RB	5-11	198	23	2	Alabama
27	Lorenzo Hampton	RB	6-0	212	23	R	Florida
28	Don McNeal	CB	5-11	192	27	5	Alabama
30	Ron Davenport	FB	6-2	230	22	R	Louisville
32	Tom Vigorito	WR	5-10	190	26	3	Virginia
34	Woody Bennett	FB	6-2	225	30	7	Miami (Fla.)
42	Lyle Blackwood	S	6-1	190	34	13	Texas Christian
43	Bud Brown	S	6-0	194	24	2	S. Mississippi
44	Paul Lankford	CB	6-2	184	27	4	Penn State
45	Robert Sowell	CB	5-11	175	24	3	Howard
47	Glenn Blackwood	S	6-0	190	28	7	Texas
49	William Judson	CB	6-1	190	26	4	S. Carolina St.
50	Jackie Shipp	LB	6-2	236	23	2	Oklahoma
51	Mark Brown	LB	6-2	225	24	3	Purdue
52	Robin Sendlein	LB	6-3	225	26	5	Texas
53	Jay Brophy	LB	6-3	233	25	2	Miami (Fla.)
54	Alex Moyer	LB	6-1	221	22	R	Northwestern
55	Hugh Green	LB	6-2	225	26	5	Pittsburgh
57	Dwight Stephenson	C	6-2	255	27	6	Alabama
58	Kim Bokamper	DE	6-6	255	31	9	San Jose St.
59	Bob Brudzinski	LB	6-4	223	30	9	Ohio St.
60	Jeff Toews	GC	6-3	255	28	7	Washington
61	Roy Foster	GT	6-4	275	25	4	S. California
65	Jeff Dellenbach	OT	6-6	280	22	R	Wisconsin
70	Bill Barnett	DE	6-4	260	29	6	Nebraska
71	Mike Charles	DT	6-4	285	23	3	Syracuse
72	Ronnie Lee	G	6-4	265	28	7	Baylor
74	Cleveland Green	T	6-3	262	28	7	Southern
75	Doug Betters	DE	6-7	265	29	8	Nevada-Reno
76	Steve Clark	G	6-4	255	25	4	Utah
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87	Dan Johnson	TE	6-3	240	25	3	Iowa St.
89	Nat Moore	WR	5-9	188	34	12	Florida
91	Mack Moore	DE	6-4	258	26	R	Texas A&M
99	George Little	DT	6-4	278	22	R	Iowa

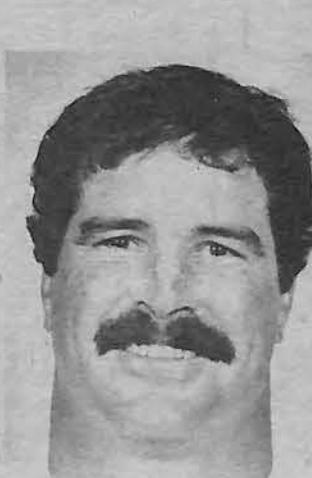
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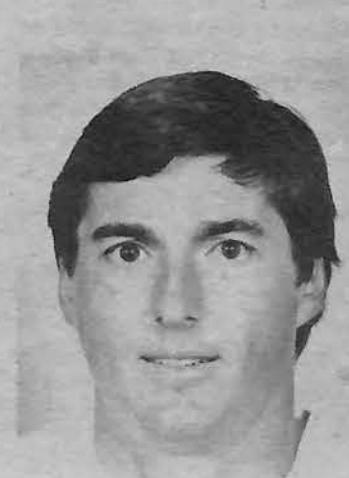
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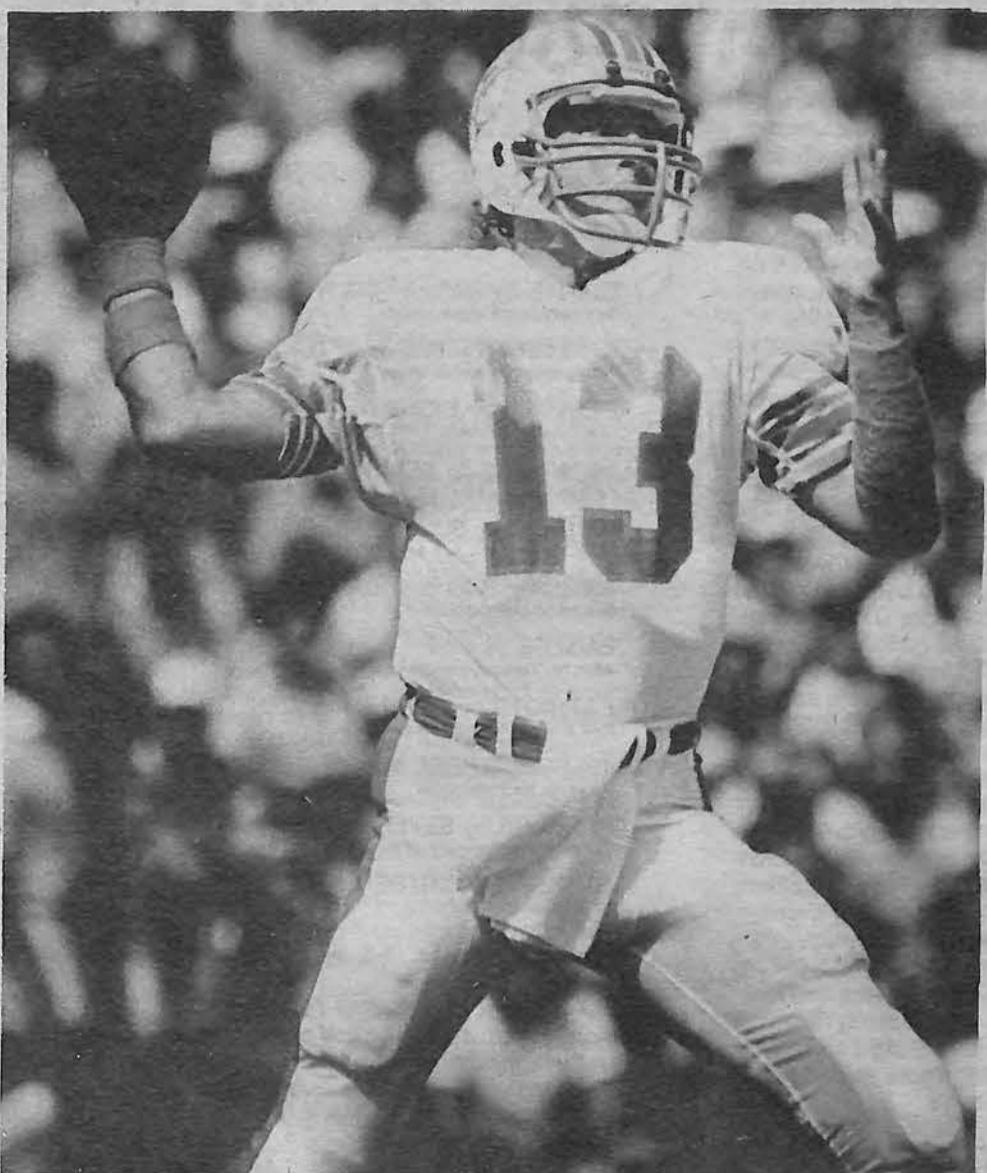


LB Bob Brudzinski

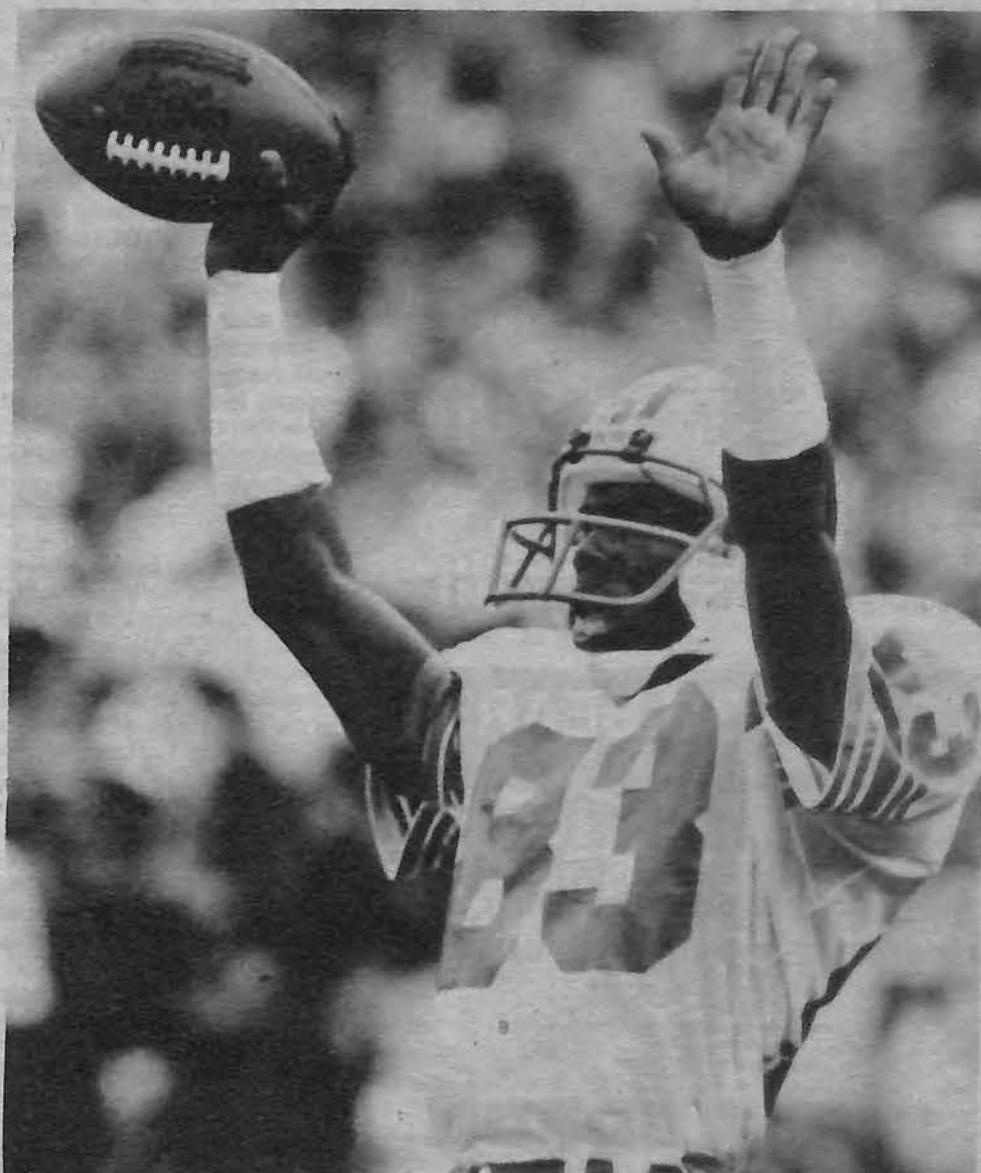


TE Bruce Hardy





QUARTERBACK DAN MARINO is back in the groove after getting off to a slow start. (Bear Report photo courtesy of Miami Dolphins)



WIDE RECEIVER MARK Clayton is Dan Marino's top target this season. (Bear Report photo courtesy of Miami Dolphins)

Chicago vs. Miami Lineups

Bears' Offense

WR	83 Willie Gault, 82 Ken Margerum
LT	74 Jim Covert, 71 Andy Frederick
LG	62 Mark Bortz, 57 Tom Thayer
C	63 Jay Hilgenberg, 60 Tom Andrews
RG	57 Tom Thayer, 75 Stefan Humphries
RT	78 Keith Van Horne, 71 Andy Frederick
TE	87 Emery Moorehead, 80 Tim Wrightman
RB	34 Walter Payton, 29 Dennis Gentry
FB	26 Matt Suhey, 33 Calvin Thomas
QB	9 Jim McMahon, 4 Steve Fuller
WR	85 Dennis McKinnon, 86 Brad Anderson

Bears' Defense

LE	99 Dan Hampton, 73 Mike Hartenstein
LT	76 Steve McMichael, 72 William Perry
RT	72 William Perry, 99 Dan Hampton
RE	95 Richard Dent, 98 Tyrone Keys
LLB	55 Otis Wilson, 51 Jim Morrissey
MLB	50 Mike Singletary, 59 Ron Rivera
RLB	58 Wilber Marshall, 59 Ron Rivera
SS	22 Dave Duerson, 23 Shaun Gayle
FS	45 Gary Fencik, 23 Shaun Gayle
LC	27 Mike Richardson, 48 Reggie Phillips
RC	21 Leslie Frazier, 31 Ken Taylor

Bears' Specialists

PK	6 Kevin Butler
P	8 Maury Buford
PC	63 Jay Hilgenberg, 57 Tom Thayer
KC	63 Jay Hilgenberg, 57 Tom Thayer
H	4 Steve Fuller, 18 Mike Tomczak
PR	31 Ken Taylor, 85 Dennis McKinnon
KR	83 Willie Gault, 29 Dennis Gentry

Dolphins' Defense

LE	75 Doug Betters, 91 Mack Moore
NT	71 Mike Charles, 99 George Little
RE	58 Kim Bokamper, 71 Mike Charles
LLB	59 Bob Brudzinski, 54 Alex Moyer
LILB	50 Jackie Shipp, 53 Jay Brophy
RILB	51 Mark Brown, 53 Jay Brophy
RLB	55 Hugh Green, 52 Robin Sendlein
LCB	44 Paul Lankford, 28 Don McNeal
RCB	49 William Judson, 45 Robert Sowell
SS	47 Glenn Blackwood, 42 Lyle Blackwood
FS	43 Bud Brown, 42 Lyle Blackwood

Dolphins' Offense

WR	85 Mark Duper, 89 Nat Moore
LT	65 Jeff Dellenbach
LG	61 Roy Foster, 76 Steve Clark
C	57 Dwight Stephenson, 60 Jeff Toews
RG	76 Steve Clark
RT	72 Ronnie Lee
TE	84 Bruce Hardy, 87 Dan Johnson
WR	83 Mark Clayton, 32 Tom Vigorito
QB	13 Dan Marino, 10 Don Strock
RB	22 Tony Nathan, 27 Lorenzo Hampton
FB	34 Woody Bennett, 30 Ron Davenport

Dolphins' Specialists

PK	7 Fuad Reveiz, 4 Reggie Roby
P	4 Reggie Roby, 10 Don Strock
H	10 Don Strock, 11 Jim Jensen
PR	32 Tom Vigorito, 83 Mark Clayton
KR	27 Lorenzo Hampton, 23 Joe Carter
PC	84 Bruce Hardy, 60 Jeff Toews
KC	60 Jeff Toews, 74 Cleveland Green

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It caught up with us in the Super Bowl," Shula said. **MARINO REALIZES THE** Dolphins will need a solid rushing attack vs. the Bears next Monday night.

"We're going to have to run against the Bears. They have such a good pass rush," he said.

The Dolphins came into the Buffalo game with the 21st-rated rushing attack in the league and the second best passing attack. Miami's offense ranks second in the league overall behind Air Coryell.

EVEN THOUGH MIAMI ran the ball quite well vs. the Bills, there is no question the club's passing attack is still its no. 1 offensive weapon. When Marino gets hot, there is no better quarterback in the league. Through 11 weeks, he ranked fifth in the AFC in passing with a 79.5 rating. His only problem this year has been throwing interceptions. He has had a league-high 17 passes picked off.

When Marino is on target, he has some outstanding people to throw to. Wide receiver Mark Clayton leads the club in receiving with 56 catches for 795 yards. Nathan ranks

second with 54 receptions for 512 yards. Wide-out Mark Duper, who missed eight contests with a leg injury, has been sparkling since he returned to action three weeks ago. He has now caught 21 passes for 433 yards. Against the Jets on Nov. 10, his first game back, he caught eight passes for 217 yards and two TDs to set a Dolphin record.

"For awhile, I was skeptical about coming back to play because my leg still hurt," Duper said. "In my own mind, I didn't think that I could run like I did against the Jets."

MARINO ALSO GETS the ball to a variety of other people including TE Bruce Hardy and rookie running back Ron Davenport. Against the Bills, Davenport scored on a seven-yard pass.

Amazingly, Marino has been sacked only 12 times this year despite a injury-riddled offensive line. The line, which recently lost starting guard Jeff Toews (knee) and tackle Cleveland Green (severe ankle sprain) is down to just five healthy players. There are no backups.

Nathan leads the club's rushing attack with 480 yards. His backup, Lorenzo Hampton, ranks second with 357 yards.

MIAMI'S DEFENSE, which ranked 27th in the league going into the Buffalo contest, has also been bit with the injury bug. Among the regulars on I-R are DT Bob Baumhower, LB Charles Bowser and safety Mike Kozlowski. Linebacker Hugh Green, acquired in a trade from the Buccaneers a few weeks back, has been a welcome addition to the club. He recorded two sacks vs. the Bills. DE Doug Betters leads the team in sacks with 5.5.

Miami has only intercepted 12 passes and safety Glenn Blackwood leads the team with three.

Rookie placekicker Fuad Reveiz is having a fine year. He has connected on 18 of 21 field goal attempts including one from 22 yards out vs. the Bills. Punter Reggie Roby ranks second in the league with a 44.6 record average. Kickoff returner Lorenzo Hampton ranks sixth with a 22.9 average.

The Dolphins know they must beat the Bears next Monday night in order to stay in the AFC Central race.

"The Bears are the hot team in football right now. We're going to line up and give it a go," Shula said.

Doug's Picks

JETS by TWO over LIONS
New York is on a roll.

COWBOYS by TEN over CARDINALS
Goodbye Jim Hanifan.

CHARGERS by SEVEN over BILLS
Who cares?

GIANTS by SIX over BROWNS
New York is too tough.

STEELERS by TWO over BRONCOS
Pittsburgh plays well at times.

BENGALS by EIGHT over OILERS
Cincy isn't dead yet.

SEAHAWKS by SEVEN over CHIEFS
Kansas City is a joke.

RAIDERS by SIX over FALCONS
Atlanta may give L.A. a tough time.

RAMS by TWO over SAINTS
Beware of New Orleans!

EAGLES by EIGHT over VIKINGS
What has happened to Minnesota?

PATRIOTS by FIVE over COLTS
New England will find a way to win.

49ERS by THREE over REDSKINS
Do or die for both teams.

PACKERS by SEVEN over BUCCANEERS
Tampa Bay will want to go home fast.

BEARS by FOURTEEN over DOLPHINS
No contest again!

Last week's record: 5-8 vs. final point spread (38.5%)

Actual winners: 6 out of 13 (46.2%)

Season record: 81-86 vs. final point spread (48.5%)

Actual winners: 109 out of 167 (65.3%)

NOTE: Doug makes his picks before the opening lines are announced.

Road Headquarters

The Bears will arrive in Miami on Sunday and will be headquartered at the Sheraton River House. While in Miami, the team is not planning to hold a workout.



IN MIAMI'S PASS-oriented offense, running back Tony Nathan has more receiving yards than rushing yards. (Bear Report photo courtesy of Miami Dolphins)

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Ditka Uses the 'Basic' Approach To Winning

Mike Ditka never did have aspirations to be a head coach in the NFL. His goal was more specific. He wanted to coach the Bears.

Now that he does, he says, the biggest compliment a person can give him is that he coaches the Bears. Coming back to coach the Bears, he said, was "the fulfillment of a dream."

"THAT'S ALL I wanted to do," he says. "I always thought it was important when I played with the Bears. The first time I ever put the jersey on, I felt pretty good, and the last time, I felt pretty bad."

The Bears are more than just another NFL team to Ditka. The other 27 issue paychecks that are just as negotiable, but they don't issue uniforms that stand for life's basic values. To Ditka, being a Bear means being a hard worker, aggressive and tough. And a winner. He will have it no other way.

That's what it meant when he got out of college at Pitt in 1961. Ditka says the only two places he wanted to play were Pittsburgh and Chicago. Tough places. Dallas hasn't been that kind of place since the last cattle rustler dangled from a tree limb.

DITKA IDENTIFIED WITH people who had dirty fingernails and calloused fingertips. Even now, he says those are the people who best identify with the Bears. He mentions several steel towns: Pittsburgh, Birmingham, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre. "Good work areas, where people know what it's all about," he says.

They're people who know hard work means moving something heavier than sheets of paper and cups of coffee from one place to another. They're people more comfortable with grime than glitter, with hard hitting than high tech.

"That's the kind of player I was," Ditka says. "I wasn't too fancy."

DITKA CALLS HIMSELF basic. He says it in a self-deprecating way, but not an apologetic way. You work hard, you make money, you eat. That's basic.

You knock over the man in front of you, you move the ball, you win. That's basic, too. You can trick the man in front of you instead of knocking him over, that's OK, too.

Basic doesn't mean unimaginative. Basic means respect for what's important. It's the mark of a smart man

to reduce a complex game to its basics, to the bottom line of beating the guys in front of you.

"**THERE ARE COACHES** that sometimes maybe make the game harder than it is," Ditka says. "It's not that hard. If you've got good people and you believe in what you're doing, give them a chance to do it."

"If I didn't believe in that totally, I'm believing it more and more. It's what they're doing on the field, not what you're doing on the sideline."

It's the players that win. That's basic, too, but coaches do forget it. Tom Landry forgets it. As he often says, it was Ditka who reminded him a coach has to "rely on the play-

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Kevin
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er to get the job done," that the player was more important than the system.

HE'S A BEAR. Ditka coached and played 13 years under Landry at Dallas. Even then, Ditka says Landry often told him he really was a Bear. Always was, always will be.

"He was tough," Landry says. "He was one of the great tight ends I've ever seen because he was tough. His toughness brought a lot to our coaching staff, too."

Ditka jokes at the line that some coaches think too much. "I could never be accused of that," he says. He's too basic.

HIS OFFENSE IS similar to Dallas', with the men in motion and multiple formations and trick plays. But it differs in two ways. Ditka is more inclined to run the ball down a team's throat, and to keep repeating the same play.

"If I find something working like I did in San Francisco, we used it about nine times in the fourth quarter. You have to do those things."

"First of all, our guys get a lot of confidence. They get excited when they run the ball and it works. They want to keep coming back to it."

DITKA SAYS HE used to argue with Landry, "Why do you always assume that the defense always knows what we're going to do? Why do we assume they can stop anything before they stop it? So what if they're ready for it? They've still got to stop it."

"That's like if we put a reverse pass to Walter (Payton) in one week, we usually won't carry it the next week. It's foolish. The next week you should open the game with it."

"Sameness isn't good unless it's working. But when it's working, it's real good. Even in '63, we did the same things over and over."

THE REFERENCES TO 1963, the Bears' last championship season, don't come so often now. Finally, the Bears' future looks as bright as the past.

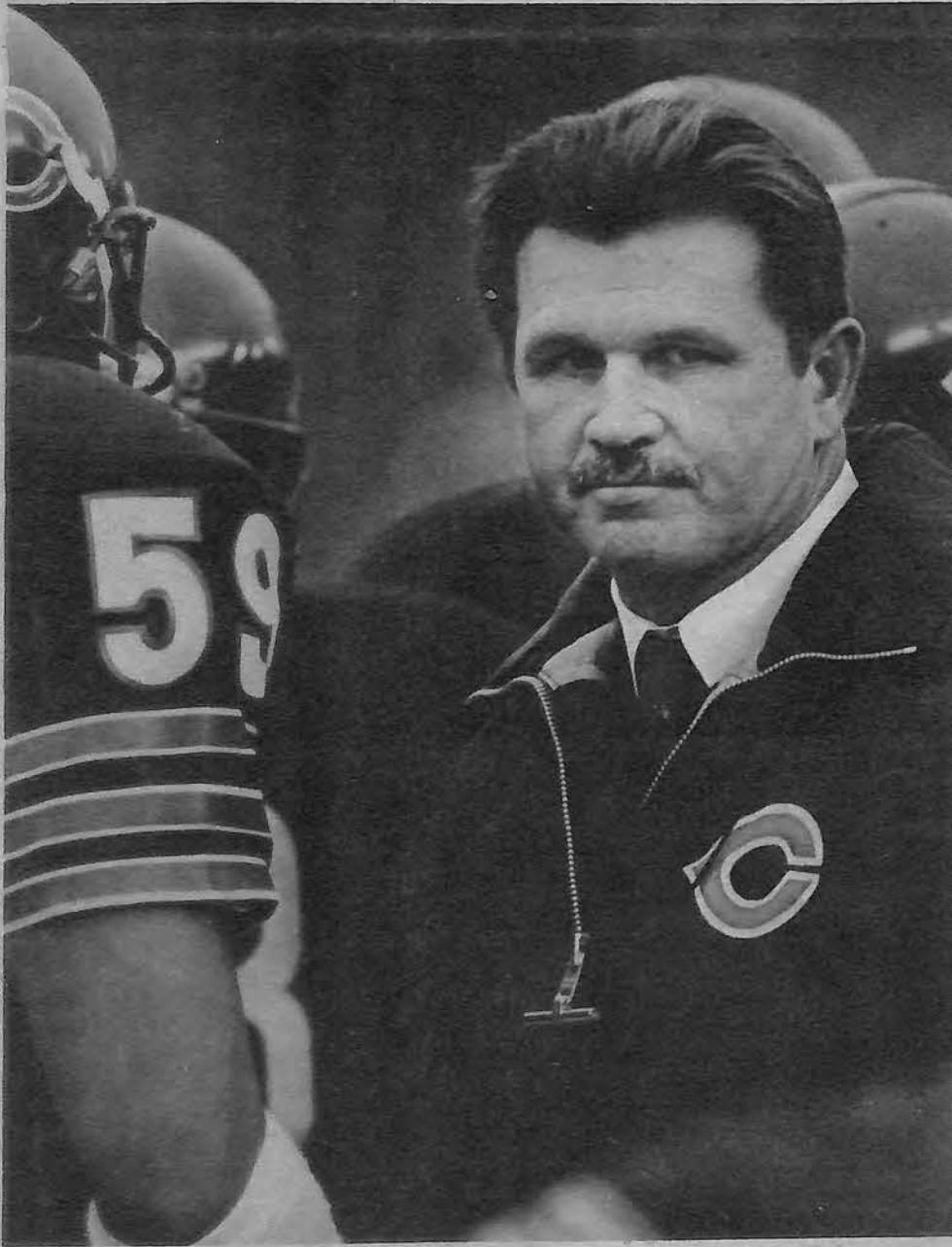
But when Ditka returned, it was important to remind the players their team hadn't always been a doormat. "We needed price in this organization," safety Gary Fencik says.

Ditka gave it to them. He told them how the Bear uniform was special. He told them about how the Bears used to stand for excellence, a faint memory in 1982 after two winning seasons in the last 15. He expected things to change right away.

"**MY EXPECTATIONS WERE** too high early," he says. He was impatient. In his second year, he made some bad changes at quarterback and he broke his hand hitting a locker in defeat. He was frustrated, and there was no guy across from him to beat up.

Ditka says he learned not to take games personally late in his second season, when the Bears won five of their last six. As a player, he had taken every game personally. He considered it an insult to be beaten by the guy across from him, and he wasn't insulted often. As coach, Ditka had his first job he couldn't do better simply by doing it harder.

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HEAD COACH MIKE Ditka isn't too happy with the way the offense is operating in the first quarter. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



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Ditka's Approach

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Besides, he took his responsibility seriously. He still does. George Halas had hired him near the end of Halas' life in his final attempt to make the Bears the Bears again. To do that, he needed a real Bear. To do it in the 1980s, he needed a real Bear who used his head for more than a ramrod. To Halas' credit, he knew Ditka was that person when others saw him as a man who couldn't hold onto his clipboard.

THE BEARS WEREN'T the first team to bring back an old playing hero to lift the franchise from the ashheap. The Packers have tried it with Bart Starr and Forrest Gregg, the Lions with Joe Schmidt, the Giants with Alex Webster. It rarely works.

It is working in Chicago because Ditka blends the old values with the new tactics. The coach who is proud of Chicago has seen Chicago return the compliment, itching to carry him on its big shoulders. Ditka could be the

city's first Republican mayor in eons if he wanted. He would rather be the Bears' only five-year head coach besides Halas.

He has stocked the Bears with his kind of player. "Any guy that's tough, aggressive, is not going to give up," he says. "I don't mind bitching. That's life. Everybody bitches. I just don't like guys that are taking short cuts."

"**I JUST WANT** a guy who's a stand-up guy, who'll play as hard as he can. He doesn't have to be fancy or cute."

He just has to win. What could be more basic than that? If Ditka has mellowed, that's the main reason. Winning isn't frustrating.

"I think he's really come to trust the players on this team," Fencik says. "They've come to accept the responsibility to do what it takes to go to the Super Bowl." As Ditka told them so often, nothing else is important.



DEFENSIVE END HENRY Waechter (70) celebrates after sacking Atlanta quarterback David Archer for a safety. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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Morrissey Is Happy He Got Another Chance

Jim Morrissey is happy to be on a Chicago Bears team which appears to be well on its way to the rewards — both tangible and intangible — that go with post-season success.

But when you see Morrissey going about his special teams work with good results, it's easy to forget that he was cut by the Bears earlier this year.

WHEN THE TEAM was at a roster level of 49 a week before the regular season opener, there were still four more players who needed to be released, because of the new 45-man limit. Morrissey was one of those last four to go.

He needs just 27 credits to finish his bachelor's degree

By
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in food systems management at Michigan State University, so he was back home in Flint, MI preparing to enroll at East Lansing to finish off his degree.

Often a player's being at the right place at the right time can make all the difference in his being reclaimed, and in Morrissey's case, luck — in the form of a rainfall — proved to be on his side when veteran linebacker Brian Cabral was injured.

EIGHT INCHES OF rain had fallen in Flint the night before he was to leave for nearby MSU, so instead of traveling that day Morrissey was at home cleaning up a watery mess in the family basement.

He was literally waist-deep in water when the call came from Bill Tobin, the Bears' director of player personnel. Tobin wanted to know if Morrissey could travel to Chicago immediately if the Bears decided to recall him.

Morrissey, with water ripples still clinging to him, assured Tobin that yes, indeed, he could be there right away if the decision was made in his favor. An hour later, general manager Jerry Vainisi was on the telephone giving Morrissey the go-ahead to return to Chicago. Morrissey did so at once, leaving the flooded basement — to say nothing of his earlier disappointment at being cut — behind him.

HE KNOWS, HOWEVER, that his tenure with the Bears is far from a safe one, even though all he missed was the first week of the regular season.

"The other shoe could drop at any time," he acknowledges. "You never know. It's a week-by-week situation. All I can do is keep trying my best. I take pride in playing special teams, doing what I'm supposed to do."

"It's a way to get your shot," continues Morrissey, who aspires to play linebacker for the Bears, "a way to get your break. It's a way to get noticed by the coaches, a way for them to see if I can play in this league."

"**IT'S A WAY TO** see if I can take a step up the ladder. Playing special teams can make you or break you. You're going full-tilt and it can last only five seconds, so you have to show what you have, show what you're made of, within that short time."

Morrissey's performances have impressed special teams' coach Steve Kazor.

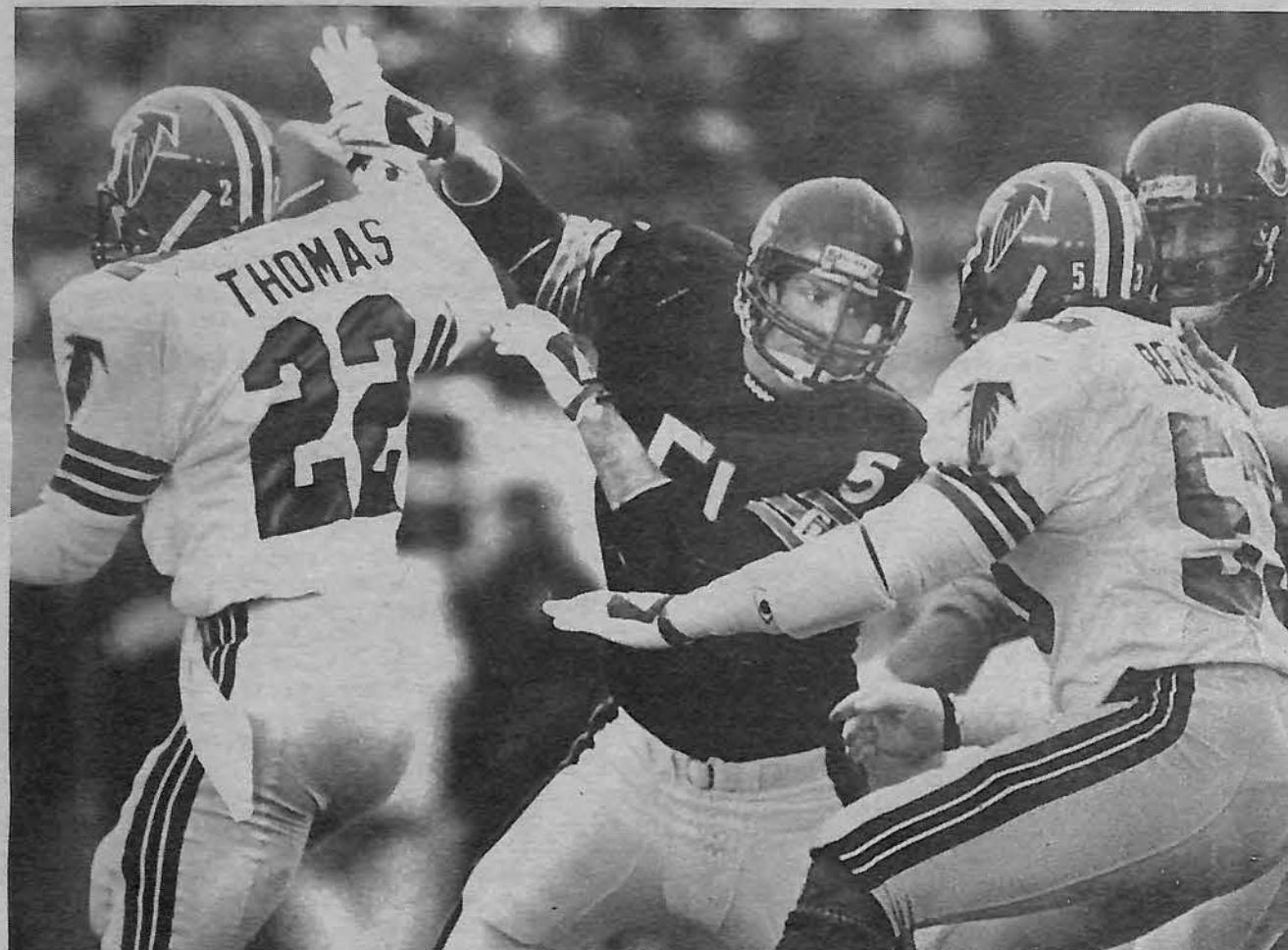
"Jim plays on virtually all of what we call the running special teams — kickoff, kickoff return, punt, punt return," describes Kazor.

"**HE'S ON ALL** four of those right now and he's graduating out well. I don't think he had played special teams in college. Most of the guys on special teams were stars in college, so this is a transition for them. A lot of players have trouble making the adjustments — mostly psychological, not physical, but not Jim," Kazor adds.

Honors were indeed a part of Morrissey's career at Michigan State, where he had been an All-Big Ten selection.

The 1984 season at MSU was a banner one for him. A team captain, Morrissey was the Spartans' most valuable player and was voted State's outstanding defensive player. He had a season total of 137 tackles, which swelled his career total to 329, second-best in Michigan State football history.

"**JIM'S PHYSICAL** abilities are good; but he does have limitations in a couple of areas — strength and size," says Kazor. "His height, 6-3, is okay, but he's going to have to play at least at 225 to stay in this league. He's not going to carry much more than 235 pounds; that would be



ROOKIE LINEBACKER JIM Morrissey (center) fights off a slew of Falcons. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

too much for him.

"He can keep his speed at that weight — 235 — and he needs to really dedicate himself to the weights in the off-season. He has to have more strength, though. That's what he's going to have to do to play linebacker in this league," Kazor adds.

"For him to step up and take on a William Perry-type of guy at the goal line . . . well, right now, that'd be tough for him to do. But that's what he's going to have to do."

"**BUT JIM CAN** do it. He's a highly intelligent young man with a good solid academic background at Michigan State. He needs some more self-confidence, but he's getting more of that every day. He's an adaptive, intelligent player with ability."

Kazor especially likes Morrissey's special teams play

on kickoffs, when Morrissey flies down the field to punish or be punished.

"To me," the coach says, "Being on the kickoff team is a frame of mind, an attitude.

"You have to want to do the job. You have to want it. To me, that's a true test of football. If you can be on the kickoff team, then you can learn to do other things. You go down the field and you defeat one, maybe two men and you are in the play."

"To me that's a great test of guts. One thing you notice about Jim Morrissey — who does have a lot of guts — is his all-out spirit. He goes all-out in everything for us. The greatest step in football is going from college to professional. If Jim Morrissey can add to his size and strength, then he can make that step."

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day night vs. the Dolphins.

"There's not a guy in the NFL who deserves a record like that more than Walter Payton," says center Jay Hilgenberg. "Hopefully we can do it on national TV and show all of America what kind of running back he is."

"He's the greatest running back who ever lived and he proves it Sunday in and Sunday out," said OT Jim Covért. "If anybody thinks anything different, they're nuts."

BOTH PAYTON AND Ditka would be thrilled if Sweetness gets the record while O.J. is up in the broadcast booth. During the preseason, Simpson knocked Payton saying he wasn't in tip-top playing shape. A few weeks later, Simpson ripped Ditka's play-calling.

"As callous as a guy I am, I'm determined to get Walter his eighth next week and his ninth the following," said Ditka. "Because when his name goes down, it should go down alone ahead of those other guys."

"I would love that," Payton said when asked if he would like to set the record with O.J. in attendance.

TO SOME, IT APPEARS these Bear victories are as easy as taking candy from a baby. But Payton has a different point of view.

"Most people only see what happens on Sunday," he said. "They don't come out there Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday when we're fighting off all the aches and bruises. They don't see Mike (Ditka) yell and swear and see all of the guys running into each other and fighting each other."

But when it comes to Sunday, the Bears aren't even in the same league as most of the other teams. Atlanta was probably thrilled it was tied with the Bears at zero after the first 15 minutes last Sunday. But once the Bears got on the board early in the second quarter, the rout was on.

ON THE SECOND play of the second quarter, placekicker Kevin Butler opened the game's scoring with a 35-yard field goal. That three-pointer was set up with a 51-yard drive which included a 17-yard run by FB Calvin Thomas. With Matt Suhey out with a bruised back (sustained in the first quarter), Thomas saw considerable action in the contest.

A few minutes later, a 32-yard field goal by Butler made it 6-0. That drive, which covered 41 yards on 10 plays, included an 18-yard pass from Fuller to TE Emery Moorehead.

Midway through the quarter, the Bears began their first touchdown drive. They got a quick 30 yards on a pass interference call assessed to Atlanta's Scott Case, who bumped WR Dennis McKinnon. On the ensuing play, Payton raced 40 yards into the end zone to make it 13-0. McKinnon provided a key block on the touchdown run.

KEY PASSES BY FULLER set up the next Bear touchdown. With 3:08 left before the half, he opened the drive with a 20-yard strike to WR Willie Gault. He followed that with a 50-yard pass to the speedster who got the ball down to the one-yard line.

"It was a bootleg play and Willie ran a very good clearing route. Anytime you connect on a long one, it feels real good," said Fuller.

"I hadn't caught a big one like that since the Minnesota game in September," said Gault.

WITH THE BALL first-and-goal at the one, the Bears turned to the NFL's newest hero, William "Refrigerator" Perry. Taking a page out of the Payton playbook, Perry leaped into the end zone to make it 20-0 Bears.

"It was something I wanted to do because Dallas cut me last week," said the Fridge. "I decided to go over the top this time. I saw the Atlanta corner coming to cut me

Deadline Passes

Since the Bears did not sign holdout veterans Todd Bell and Al Harris by last Saturday's deadline, the two players will not be eligible to play for the team this season. Both players' contracts expired after last season. The team could still sign the players before the end of the year but they would not be eligible to play until the 1986 season.

and I just dove over. Once I got up in the air, everybody rolled out of the way."

"It was a great call by the coach," said Ditka with a chuckle.

IN THE THIRD quarter, the Falcons decided to switch quarterbacks. It was kind of a strange move considering starter Dave Archer hadn't even been given much of a chance to throw the ball. But the Bears didn't mind that Bob Holly took over the controls. On a third-and-eight at the Atlanta eight, DE Richard Dent forced Holly to fumble and the ball was recovered by Mike Hartenstine at the Falcon two. On the next play, Thomas scored on a two-yard run to make it 27-0.

"When you put pressure on a quarterback like that, it forces mistakes," said Dent.

By this time, the Falcons had already surrendered. All head coach Dan Henning wanted to do was get Riggs his 100 yards which finally happened late in the game. He obviously doesn't understand teams are supposed to try to win games.

"THEY REALIZED IT was going to be hard to throw the football against our defense," Ditka said.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Bears increased their lead to 29-0 when reserve DE Henry Waechter sacked Holly in the end zone. Waechter led the Bears with three sacks.

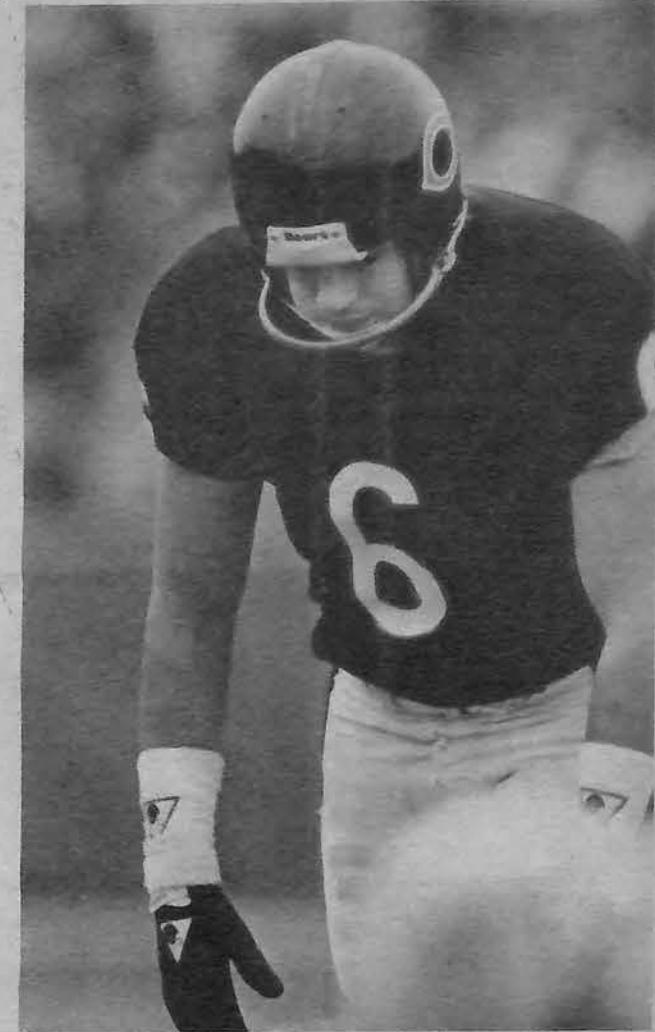
"I was impressed with the way our backup people played," said Ditka. "We gave Henry a game ball. We're gonna ask him to make a pass rush film for Hampton and McMichael and the other guys so they learn how to rush the passer."

LATE IN THE contest, the Bears made it 36-0 when reserve RB Thomas Sanders scored on a one-yard run. That drive, which covered 59 yards on 11 plays, was directed by third-string QB Mike Tomczak. The rookie out of Ohio State got to play most of the final quarter and completed three of five passes for 45 yards.

When the Bears are dominating opponents, it gives Ditka the chance to play everybody on the team.

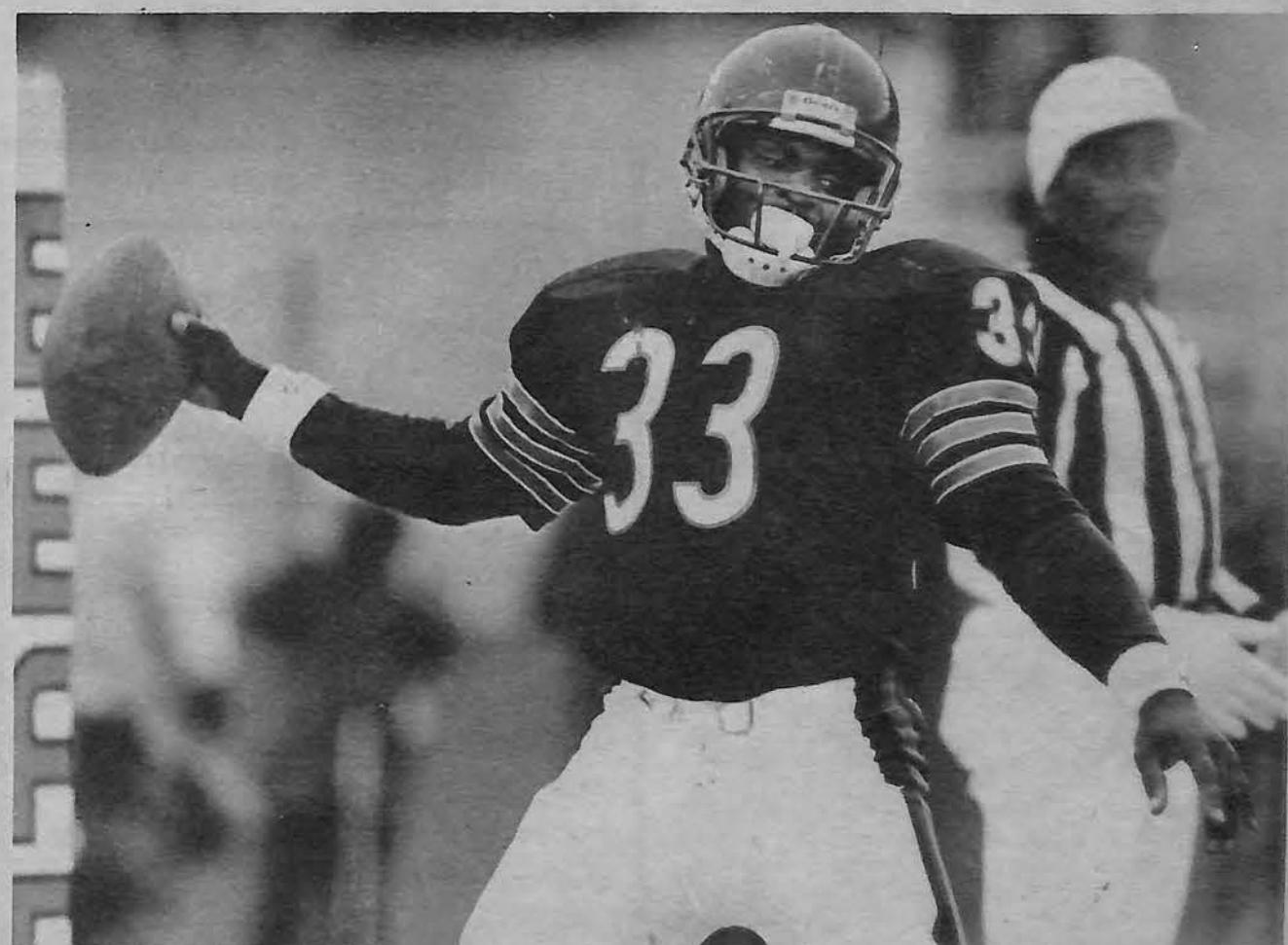
"These kinds of games are very hard to explain," Ditka said. "We didn't know what to make of this game going in and we talked about it last night with the team. I didn't know if it would be hard or easy, I'll be honest with you."

GAME NOTES: The Bears' 12-0 start, the third best in NFL history, is the best in the league since 1972 when the Dolphins went 14-0 in the regular season and won two playoff games and the Super Bowl to finish with a perfect 17-0 record. In 1934, the Bears went 13-0 but lost the NFL title game.... The Bears are 7-0 at Soldier Field this season and have won 16 of their last 18 at home.... The Bears have outscored their last three opponents 104-3. The Bears are plus-232 in point differential.... Safety Gary Fencik recorded the 35th interception of his career and is just two shy of Richie Petitbon's all-time Bear mark.... Under Mike Ditka, the Bears are 27-4 when leading after three quarters. The Bears have led 11 of 12 games this season heading into the fourth quarter.... The Bears' narrowest margin of victory was the 16-10 win at Green Bay on Nov. 3.... Steve Fuller has a 5-2 record



PLACEKICKER KEVIN BUTLER gets ready to attempt a field goal vs. Atlanta. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

as a Bears' starting quarterback.... The Bears' defense has allowed just 10 second half points in the last nine games.... The Bears have held a time of possession lead in 35 of the last 36 games.... They have outrushed 31 of their last 34 opponents and have outscored 27 of their last 30.... The Bears and Dolphins, both 27-7, share the best record in the NFL over the last 34 games.... Previously, rookie QB Mike Tomczak had not gotten a chance to throw a pass in a regular season game. "Mike owed it to me," Tomczak said.... There have been 14 consecutive sellouts at Soldier Field. Even though game time temperature was 22 degrees, there were only 4,021 no shows.... Placekicker Kevin Butler has connected on 15 of his last 16 field goal attempts and has scored 107 points.



FULLBACK CALVIN THOMAS gets ready to spike the ball after scoring a touchdown on a two-yard run. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



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Gault	2	40	27

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Curry	5	3	0	0	0	0
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Forced Fumbles: Taylor 1

Atlanta Special Team Stats

Tackles: S. Thomas, 1; Tyrell, 1; T. Benson, 1; Sanders, 1; R. Washington, 1.

Fumble Recovery: Whisenhunt.

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Richardson	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Fencik	6	2	0	0	1	2	0
Phillips	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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McMichael	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dent	3	1	1	6	0	0	0
Hampton	2	2	0	0	0	0	0

Forced Fumbles: Dent 1.

Chicago Special Team Stats

Tackles: Gentry, 2; Sanders, 1; Taylor, 1; Morrissey, 1; Humphries, 1.
Assists: Gayle, 2.



RUNNING BACK THOMAS Sanders got a good amount of playing time last Sunday. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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Twelve-Game Totals

Bears' Cumulative Stats

RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE (Actual)		RUSHING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD					
S 8 (S)	Chicago 38, Tampa Bay 28	57,828	W Payton	230	1185	5.2	40 8					
S 15 (S)	Chicago 20, New England 7	60,533	M Suhey	85	366	4.3	17 1					
S 19 (MN)	Chicago 33, Minnesota 24	61,242	J McMahon	35	175	5.0	19 2					
S 29 (S)	Chicago 45, Washington 10	63,708	D Gentry	24	111	4.6	21 2					
O 6 (TB)	Chicago 27, Tampa Bay 19	51,795	T Sanders	25	104	4.2	28 1					
O 13 (SF)	Chicago 26, San Francisco 10	60,523	C Thomas	25	98	3.9	17 3					
O 21 (S)	Chicago 23, Green Bay 7	65,095	S Fuller	17	54	3.2	13 3					
O 27 (S)	Chicago 27, Minnesota 9	63,815	W Gault	5	18	3.6	11 0					
N 3 (GB)	Chicago 16, Green Bay 10	55,343	K Margerum	1	-7	-7.0	0 0					
N 10 (S)	Chicago 24, Detroit 3	53,467	W Perry	5	7	1.4	2 2					
N 17 (DA)	Chicago 44, Dallas 0	63,855	M Tomczak	2	3	1.5	3 0					
N 24 (S)	Chicago 36, Atlanta 0	61,769	D McKinnon	1	0	.0	0 0					
BEARS TOTAL		455	2114	4.6	40 22							
D 2 (MI)	Chicago at Miami	8:00	Opp. Total	270	987	3.7	37 3					
D 8 (S)	Indianapolis at Chicago	12:00	RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG TD					
D 14 (NY)	Chicago at New York Jets	11:30	W Payton	40	324	8.1	33 2					
D 22 (DT)	Chicago at Detroit	12:00	D McKinnon	27	491	18.2	48 7					
TEAM STATISTICS		Bears	Opponent	M Suhey	27	241	8.9 35 1					
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	258	176	E Moorehead	26	374	14.4	25 1					
Rushing	130	54	W Gault	23	474	20.6	70 1					
Passing	112	107	T Wrightman	18	340	18.9	49 0					
Penalty	16	15	K Margerum	11	111	10.1	18 0					
3rd Down: Made/Att.	61-162	42-153	C Thomas	5	45	9.0	15 0					
4th Down: Made/Att.	4-10	5-12	D Gentry	2	34	17.0	22 0					
TOTAL NET YARDS	4465	3083	J Maness	1	34	34.0	34 0					
Avg. Per Game	372.1	256.9	J McMahon	1	13	13.0	13 1					
Total Plays	805	718	T Sanders	1	9	9.0	9 0					
Avg. Per Play	5.5	4.3	BEARS TOTAL	184	2500	13.6	70 14					
NET YARDS RUSHING	2114	987	Opp. Total	189	2466	13.0	90 11					
Avg. Per Game	176.2	82.3	INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG TD					
Total Rushes	455	270	L Frazier	5	102	20.4	33 1					
NET YARDS PASSING	2351	2096	G Fencik	5	38	7.6	22 0					
Avg. Per Game	195.9	174.7	D Duerson	4	58	14.5	37 0					
Tackled/Yards Lost	25-149	50-370	W Marshall	4	23	5.8	14 0					
Gross Yards	2500	2466	M Richardson	3	129	43.0	90 1					
Attempts/Completions	325-184	398-189	O Wilson	3	35	11.7	23 1					
Pct. of Completions	56.6	47.5	K Taylor	3	28	9.3	18 0					
Had Intercepted	9	30	R Dent	2	10	5.0	9 1					
PUNTS/AVERAGE	54-42.9	74-40.0	BEARS TOTAL	30	446	14.9	90 4					
NET PUNTING AVG.	35.2	33.4	Opp. Total	9	66	7.3	43 1					
PENALTIES/YARDS	79-698	99-788	PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB In 20 LG Blk.					
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	20-13	21-12	M Buford	54	2316	42.9	12 13 69 0					
TOUCHDOWNS	41	15	BEARS TOTAL	54	2316	42.9	12 13 69 0					
Rushing	22	3	Opp. Total	74	2963	40.0	5 8 75 1					
Passing	14	11	PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG TD				
Returns	5	1	K Taylor	25	7	198	7.9	21 0				
SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	D Duerson	6	0	47	7.8	11 0				
BEARS TOTAL	54	128	D Gentry	0	0	47	.0	47 0				
Opp. Total	34	53	J Maness	2	0	9	4.5	5 0				
SCORING	TDR	TDP	D McKinnon	4	0	44	11.0	17 0				
K Butler	0	0	BEARS TOTAL	45	8	393	8.7	47 0				
W Payton	8	2	Opp. Total	19	8	175	9.2	29 0				
D McKinnon	0	7	KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG TD					
S Fuller	3	0	W Gault	17	483	28.4	99 1					
J McMahon	2	1	D Gentry	11	236	21.5	36 0					
C Thomas	3	0	T Sanders	1	10	10.0	10 0					
W Perry	2	1	K Taylor	1	18	18.0	18 0					
M Suhey	1	1	W Marshall	0	2	.0	2 0					
D Gentry	2	0	D McKinnon	1	16	16.0	16 0					
W Gault	0	1	BEARS TOTAL	31	765	24.7	99 1					
O Wilson	0	0	Opp. Total	61	1360	22.3	58 0					
T Sanders	1	0										
I Frazier	0	0										
BEARS TOTAL	22	14										
Opp. Total	3	11										
FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total						
K Butler	1-1	8-8	10-11	3-6	0-1	22-27						
BEARS TOTAL	1-1	8-8	10-11	3-6	0-1	22-27						
Opp. Total	1-1	1-1	4-5	1-1	30-0	7-10						
PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	Avg./Att.	TD	Pct. TD	Int.	Pct. Int.	LG	Lost/Att.	Rating
J McMahon	231	136	1796	58.9	7.77	13	5.6	7	3.0	70	13-73	89.7
S Fuller	85	42	608	49.4	7.15	0	.0	2	2.4	50	12-76	63.0
W Payton	3	2	46	66.7	15.33	1	33.3	0	.0	33	0-0	149.3
M Tomczak	5	3	45	60.0	9.00	0	.0	0	.0	24	0-0	89.6
BEARS TOTAL	325	184	2500	56.6	7.69	14	4.3	9	2.8	70	25-149	84.0
Opp. Total	383	204	2466	53.3	6.44	11	2.9	30	7.8	90	50-370	50.5

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Twelve-Game Totals Bears' Defensive Stats

Player	Total	Solo	Assists	Passes Defended	Fumbles Recovered	Forced Fumbles	Blocks	Sacks/Yards
G Fencik	91	76	15	10	1	0	0	.0/.0
M Singletary	91	72	19	5	2	0	0	3.0/24.0
W Marshall	59	44	15	4	1	2	0	5.0/36.0
D Duerson	48	43	5	8	0	1	0	2.0/24.0
O Wilson	48	39	9	4	1	0	0	7.5/.47.5
L Frazier	42	36	6	15	0	0	0	.0/.0
S McMichael	40	35	5	1	1	0	0	8.0/55.5
R Dent	27	23	4	7	0	2	0	10.0/71.0
M Richardson	26	24	2	18	0	1	0	.0/.0
D Hampton	24	19	5	2	3	2	0	4.5/33.0
W Perry	22	19	3	0	0	0	0	4.0/35.0
M Hartenstein	19	15	4	1	0	0	0	1.0/9.0
S Gayle	16	14	2	0	1	0	1	.0/.0
R Phillips	8	7	1	1	1	0	0	.0/.0
R Rivera	8	7	1	1	0	1	0	1.0/8.0
K Taylor	6	6	0	3	0	0	0	.0/.0
T Keys	6	6	0	1	0	0	1	1.0/6.0
C Thrift	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	.0/.0
J Morrissey	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	.0/.0
H Waechter	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	3.0/22.0
J Maness	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	.0/.0
M Suhey	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.0/.0
D Gentry	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.0/.0
T Thayer	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.0/.0
K Margerum	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.0/.0
J McMahon	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.0/.0
SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES								
Player	Total	Solo	Assists	Player	Total	Solo	Assists	
D Gentry	9	9	0	K Butler	2	2	0	
T Sanders	8	6	2	M Suhey	2	2	0	
T Wrightman	7	5	2	M Buford	1	1	0	
K Taylor	5	5	0	C Thomas	1	1	0	
J Morrissey	5	4	1	S Humphries	1	1	0	
W Perry	4	2	2	L Frazier	1	0	1	
C Thrift	3	3	0	S Gayle	1	0	1	
R Rivera	3	2	1					



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defensive unit of one year ago. That calls for depth and quality athletes which the Bears now have in abundance.

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But the Bears don't wonder about any of this. They simply suit up and play. They come out ready, and high and confident every week. If somebody goes down, the substitute becomes a star. That's how it is when a team is loaded. This Bear team is loaded. They look destined to win it all in 1985. If they do, part of the reason will be this is a 45-man team, not 22, or 28 or 35. Ditka has pressed the right buttons all year. He controls a machine which continues to roll through one opponent after another.

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